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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please **amend claims 1-10, and add claims 11 and 12** as follows:

1. (Currently amended) Apparatus for providing a proxy service between one or more client platforms and one or more remote content providers ~~providing of~~ electronic content or information, the apparatus comprising ~~means~~ a receiver for receiving ~~and interpreting~~ a request from a client platform for electronic content from a content provider, ~~means~~ a processor for interpreting the received request, a transmitter for transmitting said request to said content provider, and a receiver for receiving data including at least one marker for identifying the location of a remote ~~information handling and/or~~ policy enforcement server appropriate to the content being requested, ~~means~~ the processor being arranged for interpreting said at least one or more markers and marker, the transmitter being arranged for transmitting a request on behalf of said client platform for a clear-content version of said content ~~for transmission~~ to said client platform ~~provided that~~ in response to the requirements of the ~~information handling and/or remote~~ policy enforcement server ~~are~~ being met.

2. (Currently amended) Apparatus for providing a proxy service between one or more client platforms and one or more remote platforms arranged to receive electronic content or information

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from said one or more client platforms, the apparatus comprising ~~means~~ a receiver for receiving data from the client platform for transmission to a remote platform, said data being representative of the information or content to be provided to said remote platform and including at least one marker for identifying the location of a remote information handling policy enforcement service appropriate to the information being provided, ~~means~~ a processor arrangement for interpreting said ~~one or more markers and~~ at least one marker, ~~a transmitter for~~ transmitting a request to the appropriate information handling policy enforcement service for a clear-content version of said information to be provided to said remote location ~~provided that~~ in response to the requirements of said information handling policy enforcement service ~~are~~ being met.

3. (Currently amended) Apparatus according to claim 1, wherein in response to a request for content for the proxy service, at least one of the content ~~server returns~~ providers is arranged to return a data stream including one or more markers including details of the location of one or more other services with which the proxy service providing apparatus must interact before a copy of the content can be transmitted to the client ~~platform~~ platforms.

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of the content can be transmitted to the one or more client ~~platform~~ platforms.

4. (Currently amended) Apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the markers are ~~preferably~~ embedded within the data stream and only recognisable and interpretable by a specific means ~~provided within~~ arrangement in the proxy service.

5. (Currently amended) Apparatus according to claim 1, wherein ~~[[in]]~~ the client platform includes a web browser including the transmitter, the transmitter being arranged for transmitting a request for the content to the remote information handling/rights management rights management server, the proxy service ~~[[is]]~~ providing apparatus being arranged to include a session ID in the request data relating to the client platform, such as the session ID in the case where the client platform is a web browser of the like.

6. (Currently amended) Apparatus according to claim 1, wherein ~~one~~ in response to the receiver for receiving the request for content is received receiving the content request from the proxy service ~~[[,]]~~ and the information handling/rights management policy enforcement server has having verified the legitimacy of the request, it creates the server is arranged to create a clear-

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content version of the content and ~~stores it~~ store said version at
a particular location, ~~either locally or remotely~~ and ~~returns~~
return details of said location to the proxy service.

7. (Currently amended) Apparatus according to claim 6,
~~wherein~~ further including a memory for temporarily storing said
clear-content version of the content ~~is stored temporarily~~.

8. (Currently amended) Apparatus according to claim 6,
wherein the proxy service ~~[[in]]~~ is arranged to transmit to the
client platform the details of the storage location ~~of which where~~
the clear-content version of the content is stored ~~to the client~~
~~platform~~, so that the client platform can retrieve said clear-
content copy, ~~if in response to~~ certain requirements of the
~~information handling/rights management server are~~ policy
enforcement server being met.

9. (Currently amended) A method of providing a proxy service
between one or more client platforms and one or more remote content
servers providing electronic content, the method comprising ~~the~~
~~steps of~~ receiving and interpreting a request from a client
platform for electronic content from a content server, transmitting
said request to said content server and ~~[[for]]~~ receiving data
including at least one marker identifying the location of a remote

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~~information handling and/or~~ policy enforcement server appropriate to the content being requested, ~~means for~~ interpreting said one or more markers, and transmitting a request on behalf of said client ~~platform~~ platforms for a clear-content version of said content ~~for transmission~~ to said client platform ~~provided that~~ in response to the requirements of said ~~information handling and/or~~ policy enforcement ~~service are~~ server being met.

10. (Currently amended) A method ~~[[for]]~~ of providing a proxy service between one or more client platforms and one or more remote platforms arranged to receive electronic content or information from said one or more client platforms, the method comprising ~~the steps of~~ receiving data from a client platform for transmission to a remote platform, said data being representative of information or content to be provided to said remote platform and including at least one marker identifying the location of a remote information handling policy enforcement service appropriate to the information being provided, interpreting said one or more markers, and transmitting a request to the appropriate information handling policy enforcement service for a clear-content version of said information to be provided to said remote location ~~provided that~~ in response to the requirements of said information handling policy enforcement service ~~[[are]]~~ being met.

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11. (New) Apparatus according to claim 1 in combination with:

- (a) the one or more client platforms,
- (b) the one or more remote client providers, and
- (c) the remote policy enforcement server,

the client platforms including a receiver for the clear-content version of said content, and the policy enforcement server being arranged to transmit to the apparatus an indication of requirements being met.

12. (New) Apparatus according to claim 2 in combination with:

(a) the one or more client platforms, the one or more remote platforms being arranged to receive electronic content or information from the one or more client platforms; and

(b) a server of the remote information handling policy enforcement service, the server of the remote information handling policy enforcement service being arranged for:

(i) receiving from the apparatus the request for a clear-content version of said information to be provided to the remote location; and

(ii) transmitting to the apparatus an indication that the requirements of the information handling policy enforcement service are being met.

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13. (New) Apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the receiver is arranged for receiving additional data including at least one marker for identifying the location of a remote information handling service appropriate to the content being requested and the transmitter being arranged for transmitting to said client platform a request on behalf of said client platform for a clear-content version of said content in response to the requirements of the information handling server being met.

14. (New) A method according to claim 9, further including receiving data including at least one marker identifying the location of an information handling server appropriate to the content being requested, interpreting said one or more markers, identifying the location of the information handling server, and transmitting to said client platform a request on behalf of said client platforms for a clear-content version of said content in response to the requirements of said information handling server being met.

15. (New) Apparatus according to claim 1 in combination with a remote information handling server appropriate to the content being requested, the receiver being arranged for receiving additional data including at least one marker for identifying the location of

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a remote information handling server appropriate to the content being requested and the remote information handling server.

16. (New) Apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the particular location is local relative to the apparatus and includes a storage device for storing the clear-content version of the content.

17. (New) Apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the particular location is remote relative to the apparatus and includes a storage device for storing the clear-content version of the content.